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David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *Universal Service Generic Contested Case*
Docket 97-00888

Dear Mr. Waddell:

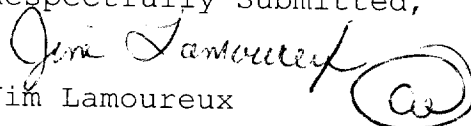
AT&T has reviewed the Hearing Officer's Report issued
10/01/97.

This report properly reflects the joint effort of
BellSouth and AT&T to identify the issues to be decided
by the TRA in this case.

AT&T appreciates the efforts in trying to organize a
schedule for this docket. We recognize the schedule is
impacted by other proceedings before the TRA and other
schedules over which there is no control (e.g. February 6,
1998 Report to the FCC.)

We think the schedule in the Hearing Officer's Report is
aggressive but necessary in order to accomplish the
objectives of this docket. AT&T is committed to make
every effort to comply with the proposed schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jim Lamoureux

Cc: all parties of record